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SUBJ: CALTEX DENIES PRESS REPORTS COMPANY SENDING CRUDE
TO U.S.

1. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERIES CONCERNING OCTOBER 25 PRESS
REPORTS THAT CALTEX INTENDS CUT CRUDE IMPORTS INTO INDIA AND
DIVERT SUPPLIES TO UNITED STATES, CALTEX VP F. H. LAVENHAGEN
INFORMED US IMPORTS INTO INDIA MAY BE CUT AS RESULT MIDEAST
SITUATION BUT DENIED EMPHATICALLY THAT ANY CRUDE SAVED BY
CUT WOULD GO TO US.

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2. AS A RESULT OF CUT IN SUPPLIES FROM ARAB WORLD,

LAVENHAGEN SAID, CALTEX INSTALLATIONS THROUGHOUT EAST MAY SUFFER SOME CUTS. THE COMPANY DOES NOT KNOW YET JUST HOW CUTS MAY BE APPORTIONED OR WHAT EFFECT THEY MAY HAVE, BUT EVERY CALTEX INSTALLATION MAY HAVE TO TAKE SHARE OF THE CUT. THUS, WHILE CALTEX CRUDE COMING INTO INDIA MAY BE OF IRANIAN ORIGIN AND CONSEQUENTLY UNDIMINISHED BY MIDEAST WAR (AS PRESS POINTS OUT), CALTEX HERE MAY HAVE TO TAKE ITS SHARE OF CUT IN ORDER TO DIVERT SOME OF THIS CRUDE TO CALTEX INSTALLATIONS ELSEWHERE IN THE EAST. ACCORDING TO LAVENHAGEN THE CRUDE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT GO TO THE US. IN ANY CASE, NO REPEAT NO CUTS HAVE YET BEEN IMPOSED BY CALTEX ON CRUDE COMING IN.

3. IN ORDER KEEP GOVERNMENT FULLY INFORMED, LAVENHAGEN SAID, COMPANY HAD RECENTLY INFORMED GOI THAT CUTS IN CALTEX IMPORTS MIGHT BE NECESSARY FOR REASON SET FORTH PARA 2 ABOVE. PRESS REPORTS APPEARING OCTOBER 25 ARE DELIBERATE PRESSURE TACTIC BY GOVERNMENT TO HEAD OFF CUTS, HE SAID, SINCE GOI ALREADY HAS ENOUGH TROUBLES WITH ITS OIL POLICY.

4. ON AN IF ASKED BASIS, CALTEX WILL GIVE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO PRESS. QUOTE CALTEX DENIES THAT ANY OF ITS IRANIAN CRUDE OIL WILL BE USED TO SUPPLY THE UNITED STATES AS ALLEGED BY THE INDIAN PETROLEUM MINISTRY. CALTEX TOTAL AVAILABILITY OF MIDDLE EAST CRUDE OIL HAS BEEN REDUCED BY RECENT ACTIONS OF THE ARAB STATES AND ALL AFFILIATES IN THE CALTEX MARKETING AREAN WHICH IS SOLELY IN THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE, HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THEY WILL BE AFFECTED. NO CALTEX CRUDE HAS BEEN, OR WILL BE USED TO SUPPLY THE U.S. OR ANY OTHER WESTERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRY. UNQUOTE. ACCORDING TO LAVENHAGEN, THIS SAME INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN TO GOVERNMENT. WHILE HE DID NOT SAY SO SPECIFICALLY, WE HAVE IMPRESSION STATEMENT WAS CLEARED WITH CALTEX NEW YORK.
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